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State Picks Accenture to Provide Consolidated Telecom Services

It is official! The Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA) has awarded a contract to Accenture to supply consolidated voice, data and video telecommunications services to State agencies.

Accenture will design and implement a statewide converged network that handles voice, data and video within the same physical and management infrastructure. This converged network will combine the individual Agency networks currently in place into a single backbone. The transition of all Executive Branch Agencies, boards and commissions to the new, converged network will take approximately 14 months.

“The Telecom project will provide new infrastructure for aging sites in rural parts of the State,” said Betsey Bayless, ADOA Director. “In addition, the State will receive improved telecommunications capability and migration to modern technology.”

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Spotlight on Accenture: A Global High-Performance Firm with Phoenix Presence



Now that the State has contracted with Accenture to work on our telecommunications initiative, it is important for you to know more about the company. Accenture is a worldwide management consulting and technology outsourcing firm. The company's strategy is to help its clients become high-performance businesses and governments.

One of the benefits to be derived from partnership with Accenture is help in transforming the State's telecommunications function into an integrated business. New technology will also be rolled out across multiple agencies that have not previously integrated their network operations.

This is not the first time that Accenture has worked with the State of Arizona. It has experience with the Department of Revenue BRITS, Arizona Department of Commerce VoIP deployment and the Arizona State Legislature Convergence deployment.

In addition, Accenture helped four counties in the state of California come together to work as a single enterprise in the California SAWS Consortium IV program. In that project, Accenture implemented new applications and technologies on time, under budget and met that state's goal of increased service levels.

Accenture is a publicly held company with over 100,000 employees worldwide, and a corporate office in Phoenix.

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State employees impacted by the privatization of telecommunications services will receive an offer of employment by the contractor, with a compensation package equal to or better than what they are currently receiving for a period of at least one year.

The transition to this new State telecommunications contract will begin immediately.

Look for Latest Updates on TPO Website

If you are yearning to know more about the telecommunications project, please visit the TPO webpage at **WWW.TPO.AZ.GOV**. There you will find the latest updates as well as contact information for the TPO.

It is our intention to populate the site with the most current and relevant information about the pro-

ject and its implications for State government.

In next month's, ***TPO Connection***, we will continue with the final installment of "*Deciphering the Acronyms*," and spotlights on TPO team members like Sandy Clancy, Senior Contract Manager.

Please look for our next edition online and on literature racks.

